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# WHO DUNNIT

CAN YOU SOLVE THE MURDER AT THE MARDI GRAS?

HOW  
GOOD A  
DETECTIVE  
ARE  
YOU?

NEW ORLEANS—GAY TOWN OF MASQUERADE—  
FUN AND FANTASY WALK HAND IN HAND WITH  
LOVE! BUT THIS YEAR, 'TIS A MARDI GRAS  
OF MURDER! COME ALONG AND TRY TO  
SOLVE THIS RIDDLE OF JEALOUSY AND  
LUCKLESS DEATH!





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TWILIGHT COMES AND GAY FIGURES MINGLE IN A CARNIVAL OF JOY!



WHERE ARE YOUR FOLKS, PAT!

OH, THEY'LL BE ALONG, REDLEY! DAD JUST ARRIVED HOME WITH HIS SUIT WHEN I LEFT!

MEANWHILE...

WELL, DARLING, HOW DO I LOOK?

FANTASTIC, BUT I LOVE YOU!



LET'S HURRY! WE'RE LATE NOW, DARLING!

I LIKE THAT—YOU SAID YOU WOULD BE HOME EARLY AND YOU'VE BEEN GONE ALL AFTERNOON!

WELL, I..ER..HAD SOME LAST MINUTE BUSINESS TO DO DOWNTOWN!

BUSINESS DOWNTOWN—HMMH! I'LL BET YOU WERE WATCHING THE YOUNG GIRLS PARADING!





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A SKELETON CLOTHED FIGURE DANGLES GROTESQUELY—A GRIM SYMBOL OF THE DEATH INSIDE IT!



OH, HEAVENS! I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN! HE TOLD ME OF THE TROUBLE! WHY DIDN'T I DO SOMETHING BEFORE HE COMMITTED SUICIDE!

MRS. ATKIN, PLEASE TELL ME WHAT YOU MEAN! I DIDN'T KNOW MR. ATKIN WAS IN ANY TROUBLE!



GEORGE!!

YE GADS!!



HE TIED THE TABLE FOR SUPPORT! IT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE ATKIN TO BE SO DRAMATIC—MIGHTY FISHY!



MRS. ATKIN SAYS HER HUSBAND HAD STOLEN THE DAM FUNDS—THAT PUTS ME IN THE MIDDLE! THEY'LL THINK I KILLED HIM TO COVER THE PLOT UP! I'VE GOT TO SOLVE THIS MESS!



ALL RIGHT, EVERYONE, PLEASE COME CLOSER! NO ONE MUST LEAVE THE HALL! MR. ATKIN IS DEAD—



IT WAS **MURDER!**





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"MR. ATKIN'S BODY WAS ATTACHED TO THE BALCONY BEFORE THE PARTY—THAT MEANS SOMEONE ELSE WAS MASQUERADING AS HIM IN A SKELETON COSTUME!"



**STOP—BEFORE YOU READ ON—DO YOU KNOW WHO KILLED MR. ATKIN ???**



"THEN DISPOSED OF THE OUTFIT—AND ADOPTED A NEW DISGUISE!"



THUS, ANOTHER KILLER FINDS OUT THAT MURDER ALWAYS LEAVES A CLUE!